THE PRINCE IS FIFTY-FOUR.

Albert Edward of Wiles Celebrates His Birthday in Loudon With Great Pomp.

LONG, WEARY WAIT FOR THE THRONE.

Mariborough, the Prince's God-son, Takes a Bride for His I wenty-fourth Birthday -John W. Mackay's Blighted Feast_Mrs. Eurnett and

Mrs. Stanton.

Who first comes to this world below Should prize the topaz's amber huc-

This quatrain is engraved upon the Edward of Wales, twenty-four years ag

The buby christened Charles John Speacer Churchill, buke of Randford grew and waxed into a big, bright boy. And to-day, twenty-four years later, his name is upon popular tougue and his deeds chronicled by the popular writer as even His Highness the Prince of Walts cannot hope for on this the double birth month.

be a leafer! Denied from the optofestions, probibited from all branches of work, the Prince has lived on gaily, debounairly, easily, breathing never a word of what is the greatest ambition of English life, and faterfering never by one look in the policies of the country which he must some day direct supremely as Kinz. He has been compelled to come to the borderland of old age without out one siroke of the life-work which it is a man's happiness to execute.

Sadder still in the fate of the Prince is his lovely, failing Princess, now deaf, quite lame and broken in spirit from the death of that son two years ago. But through it all Albert Edward is the same even-tempered gentleman; happy though doctoring at Homburs; diplomatia though eating at table with heathen visiting potentates; never aiding the efforts to put him upon the throne, and temaining ferever the same helt apparent of the present generation.

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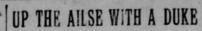
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"Both are done by the same trick, a carn them."

Dubbed the 'Bonanza King," "Millidonaire Mackay," "Money King of Christo," and other titles of prowess sufficient to bright the popularity of any
man, Mackay a public sun has never
wanted in brilliancy. He has never given conspicuously to charities, but his
private benefactions have been myriad.
His birthday celebrations are all blighted by the death of his son. The best
one of all the birthday celebrations
which he was planning was to take buttallons of his old friends, friends that
are by no means bonanza kings, and
dine them with all the state of a monarch. For this birthday present he always buys himself a suit of clothes
which he is credited with wearing every
day for the next year. His string neckthe is renewed on this occasion. This year
his sixtleth birthday finds him bowed to
the earth with grief. "Both are done by the same trick,

Mrs. Burnett, although living at its very portals in London and Washington. She travels a great deal, finding change necessary for impiration.

DESTATING MES BURNETS.



Consuelo Vanderb.lt Weds Wednesday with a Train of Millionaire Bridesmaids.

OVER FIFTY YABBS OF SATIN GOWN.

the Quince of English Prosperity and the "True Blue" of Southern

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A woman whom one thinks of as a delicate bit of femioinity, with the pen of a strong man, is Frances Hodgson Burnett, to whom congratulations upon another year of bury pen-work are due another year of bury pen-work are due. Forntleroy" to write with the short concise touch of a masculine brain, and bas since kept industriously in that the period of the control of the conditions of the condition of the conditions (Copyright, 1886, for The Times.)

weighing less than he poulds, sight as a reed, and with no experience of the world beyond the gilded walls of the nursery and her mother's lovely home, this girl becomes the lay figure for the finest wedding garment ever put upon a woman, and is more taked about, admired, criticised, envied and praised than any other woman on earth at this pre-

of these is a watch as large round as a horse-chestnut and entirely incrusted with diamonds. This he bought abroad, it is said. His bride is to carry it on her wed-

Another little fancy is the lining of the wedding dress, which is silk of palest blue. Mrs. Vanderbilt is from the South, where Old Mammy's nursery tales are breathed in with the air of the orange groves, and "something new, something blue" is a part of her wedding creed. The blue silk lining is so sheer and pale that it looks like a delicate shadow when the gown is lifted. As the train is heavy and long the lining does not show.

The bridesmaids are to be dressed nearly alike, yet with a trifling difference in the neck trimmings of their gowns, cheugh to make picturesquaness. A little different coloring and a little different coloring and a little different color make the diversity.

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expect several hundred during the zero days of the coming winter.

Up to date, out of about 4,000 of the "continuous" joints Mr. Bowen says he has reports that some thirteen or fifteen have snapped apart. In most of the cases the break has been at the weld, but in two or three the rails have broken squarely in the middle. Sometimes the contraction of the iron causing the break has left a gap of as much as one and one-half inches between the two serrated edges. In others it has been merely a break has left a gap of as much as one and one-half inches between the two serrated edges. In others it has been merely a break as soon as the breaks are reported they are mended. Mr. Jowen expects that by and by the contraction of the rails will cause no further cracking, and that then the tracks will preserve their even smoothness.

The "continuous" rall scheme has been introduced into Chicago since last spring, so that the system has not had a complete test as yet. The scheme is new, comparatively, and in no city outside of St. Louis have any of the "continuous" rails been in use during a winter season. In the Missouri city two miles were laid last fall, but the track was not used during the jeoming winter.

The idea of weiding together a long line of iron or steel was first conceived by an engineer in an Eastern mill four or five years ago. About two years ago Mr. Moxam, chief engineer of the Johnson Steel Street Rail Con pany, of Cleveland made extensive tests. He ascertained that the long "continuous" rail had much the same properties as a piece of India rubber, only of course in a very limited sense, He found that the rail had considerable expansive and tensile powers.

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after that the welding system Soon after that the welding system was applied to street railway lines. As in use on The lines of the Chicago City Railway Company the eighty-five pound rails are welded together. At each joint lib pounds of iron is cast around the edges of the rails, so that to all intents and purposes the track from one end to the other is one long rail. The joints are really expected to be stronger than the middle of the rails, on account of the added from and the consequent stability. The great end almed at is a smooth road-

AFTER THE HORSE SHOW

Entertainments for Displaying the Grand Saloon to Guests.

CHOCOLATE

Things to Eat at Winter Suppers .. Mrs. Cleveland and Grace Dodge Bring Out Young Friends at This

Nov. 11, and lasting every day and evening for a week, calls all the society world to this city; but, curiously enough, if interferes with the usual entertainments of society to such an extent that during of society to such an extent that during this seven days there is little or nothing going on outside the four walls of Madi-son Square Garden, where the show is held. And every other city tells the same tale of the popular horse shows of that vicinity. They stop every other festivity like a note of national mourning, or the more cort of the lights of the town.

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The horse show, beginning in New York,

like a note of national mourning, or the going out of the lights of the town.

But society is not going to allow its drawing-rooms to stand empty and despised during the week, nor will it tolerate the idea of its visitors going home, thousands of miles away, without having once seen the grand salon lighted or the palace in holiday dress. To prevent such a catastrophe the "Fireside Evening" has been invented and it is put down as the first original entertainment of the season.

COME AT MIDNIGHT.

The "Fireside Evening" is more properly speaking a "Fireside Midnight." Indeed, it was so called by the first woman who had one, but the name was abandoned as smucking too much of Bonemianism. Now it is a "Fireside Name of State of State

Invitations are sent out for it, as though for a reception, with the understanding that all are to arrive at the same timewhen the horse show is over. It also does well for a theatre party that is being given after the opera at one's own home.

All "pile" into the house at about 11 home.

All "pile" into the house at about 11 o'clock, even later, and the hostess, who arrives only a minute before her guests, is having her wraps removed by a maid, when the hand shaking begins. The drawing-room is full of guests loosening their wraps, and white-capped maids carrying them away to the smaller rooms on the first floor, for there is little formality about the Fireside Midnight, and the ladies' dressing-room is deserted.

The first thing that strikes the guest is the absence of electric light or lamps. The room is in total darkness, save for the brilliant lights upon the fireplaces where the flames leap high from logs. These are the only lights that the rooms have, and very picturesque it looks in the deep, long shadows cast by the tall brozes and the flitting forms of the tail, fair women.

fair women.

Men are very plentiful at Fireside Mid-Men are very plentiful at Fireside Midnights, for this sort of entertainment appeals to them. No kid gloves, no formality of any kind to oppress. The plan of one entertainment is the plan of all, for there is no deviation. The guests are quickly welcomed, and form a semi-circle around the fireplace, with small tables at their backs holding beverages warm and cold. Chat commences at one end of the circle and quickly travels around, and with the first instalment of good things to eat and drink the talk becomes general and the fun begins to fly.

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be found.

Horse Show salads are being served
in paste dishes, made by the same process as the biscuit cortoni; when, after
eating your cream, you devour your plate.
These shells for the Horse Show are
made upon forms that are in the shape
of carts with open tops, wagons, buggies, coaches and victorias. Iron moulds
must be made for the shells to form upon.
Though these can be used year after,
year, they are never cheap.
Very elaborate entertainments are being planned at society's winter beginning
for entertainments "after the show in
over;" and it will be no surprise if these
have the run of the old kettle drum, with
the masculine popularity of the High
Tea.

HARRY GERMAINE. Several winter hostesses are introducing protees at the fireside evenings. Tae lady who brought out the lovely girl recitationist who posed as "Trilby" in the living pictures of the subscription mathrees, first presented the girl at a Fireside Evening. And Miss Grace Dodge, Mrs. Grover Cleveland and other women who have always a protege on hand are fond of bringing them out in this way.

The exact method of doing this is to invite the young protege to the theatre party, or to the Horse Show—as the entertainments of the next few weeks in New York have all this one theme in mind—and, afterwards to have a goodly BRING OUT TALL NT. How Lincoln for His Learning.

With all this hard living and hard work, Lincoln was getting in this period a desultory kind of education. Not that he received much schooling. He went by

ingly aimless manner, and they long for something new.

There are two very clever young persons, one a young man and a tother a young woman, who gain their ilvilhood "by their wits" they say, but no. e conventionally by the art of story-telling and entertaining at milnight parties.

These two, the one a siender young man, with black eyes, black hair and a deep base voice, and the other a talk slender blond girl, travel separately, but often find themselves at the same house. The young man is of line New England family and the young woman is from the South, Both are as good socially as their employers, and, in fact, "the pleasure of their presence" is often requested even when no entertaining is to be done.

FROM WHITCOME CHEEK.

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RON WAITLOWN **LEX.

The young man recites negro melodies, He does it in a very pleasing way and gets into the dialect of the Texan border very cleverly. He has in his repertory a poem written by James Whitcomb-Riley for him, and he has several others that have been selected from newspapers and sent to him marked by people who have heard him recite.

The young woman is an imitator. She does bird songs, bird calls and odd notes of the woods, whistling in infitation of the tropical birds that no one, once having heard, can ever forget. She is extremely gifted in this, and will neither teach nor explain her methods. Her bird notes are assisted, it is said, by small, delicate whistles which she quinkly alips in her mouth.

This young woman had the honor of whistling and imitating at a dinner given by Baron Hirsch to the Prince of Wales. Albert Edward, be it privately known, is fond of slipping away to the Hirsch household and there enjoying himself at a great dinner. The Baron has one distinctive feature to his board besides his peculiarity of always serving two menue, a plain and a rich dinner—and that he that he always provides an entertainer.

Often at his right hand will sit some preity young woman of modest manner, yet holding a certain something in her nossession above all the drawing-room touched off, the young woman steps questly out into the glow of the light and recites or whistles or sings—entertaining by her great cleveness.

This young American imitator has several times whistled for the Baron. And she is sure of a welcome on the other side and an introduction into wealthy houses.

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IMITATING WILDER.

Several are practicing story-telling. Not the cut-amd-dried funny story of the Marshall Wilder order, though Marshall's stories used to convaise Henry Ward. Beecher as often as he heard them, but the genuine narrative story. The practiced story-teller tells the first chapter of a story. The length of the chapter of a story. The length of the chapter depends upon the snapping of the first slender log upon the hot coals. In the story he manages so defily to outline the future plot that the next story-teller can carry it on without any tax upon his mind. Yet there is mystery.

The third finds it easier and the story, coming back to the originator once every three chapters, gets at length to a triumphant ending. This is a difficult but highly appreciated art.

The fireshie evenings of the Horse Show have very fine menus prepared for them. One large hotel has orders to serve at midnight ices in the shape of horses heads, bridles and small side saddles. One great ice, ordered for a party after the Horse Show, will be a chocolate horse with trappings of red ice and wonderful yellow trimmings of lemon ice. This great fellow, being intended for a fireside party of forty, will weigh twenty ponnds upon his standard and will contain several gallons of chocolate cream. Upon being cut open an interior of colored ices wilk be found.

Horse Show salads are being served in paste dishes, made by the same pro-

IMITATING WILDER.

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PLAN OF THE MARLBOROUGH-VANDERBILT BRID AL PROCESSION.

of the present generation.

Twin Alba Marka Twan, two gentlemen as allke in physicanomy as different in other things, record sky years this month. Both of these gentlemen has been made gentlemen as allke in physicanomy as different in other things, record sky years this month. Both of these gentlemen have made fortune, and cash by a bit of clevences with their brains. Mark the started the gentlest humorous, and are belowed and their same in the paper has all the gentlemen have made fortune, and cash by a bit of clevences with their brains. Mark the grantent in other things, record sky years and mark the grantent plants and the gentlemen have made fortune, and cash by a bit of clevences with their brains. Mark the grantent plants are grantent gains of the clevences with their brains. Mark the grantent plants are grantent gains of the clevences with their brains. Mark the grantent plants are grantent gains of the clevences with their brains. Mark the grantent plants are grantent gains of the continuation and the grants are grantent gains of the clevences with their brains. Mark the grants are grantent gains of the clevences with their brains. Mark the grants are grantent gains of the clevences with their brains. Mark the grants are grantent gains of the grants grantent gains of the grants grantent gains of the grants. The half delice out for Mayling party, and when they toss the grant grantent gains of the grants gra

The bridal dress has been made quickly, but it is as perfect as though years had been put upon it. Mrs. Willy K. Vanderbilt has certainly managed this affair without basic, without worry and without work. Cosching up to almost the week of the weedling, visiting friends in the country up to the very day, and settling suddenly into a new house of her own, high up the avenue above her husband's family, she has yet attended perfectly to every detail.

The bride's dress has fifty yards of material in its make. The train measures six yards from the waist line, and is so heavy that it is with difficulty pulled along. The skirt is many yards around, and the train the broad, square kind that can not be turned over. No court train was ever as full.

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The sleeves are the very large ones, with the largest part near the elbow, and the waist, while snug-fitting, has a suggestion of drapery of silk and lace like a blouse. It is a beautiful gown, and the lace veil worn with it is the one which the Duchesses of Marlborough have worn for many generations. It is a piece of rare family lace, and was presented to Miss Consuelo by the Duke's mother last spring at Elenheim, when the engagement really took place.

The decorations of the bridal procession have not yet been decided upon. Mrs. Willy K. is peculiar in one respect. She wants everything absolute perfection. She has given orders for thousands of red roses for the church, red roses and palms. But if these are not as boautiful upon that day as the lilles that are to be had, the church is to be trimmed with illies.

An effect is to be made at Colonial simplicity, as far as the floral decorations are concerned. It is a fact that at several very grand weddings the flowers were many, but not as fresh and Jeautiful as they might be. Florists say where there are to be four walls entirely coveried with a certain shade of red rose that it is impossible to have all the roses cut that day, and so perishable are they that many are withered ere the event.

At this wedding carnations and ferns another, and white flowers a third. At the rehearsal there were thousands of chrysanthemums and roses. The roses were carried by the bridesmalds, and the chrysanthemums stood in pots along the aisle, to make a floral pathway.

The question of the giving away of

The question of the giving away of the bride has not yet been settled. Her father rehearsed the ceremony with her and the bridal party two days ago, and in fact, several times this wock, as a welding of so enuch ceremony needs many a reh arsal. But the last lay or two friends of Mrs. Alva have been urging her to give her own daughter away, and there is a possibility that she will do it. Miss Consuelo has a preference for her father's supporting arm, but she is only the central figure, and has not a great deal to say, even in the matter of her own wedding.

Several extremely pretty customs are to be observed in the wedding. The decorations of the bride's dress are orange blossoms. But in the midst of the pale flowers there will shine one ruddy quince flower, the English emblem of constructions of the bride's dress are orange blossoms. But in the midst of the pale flowers there will shine one ruddy quince flower, the English emblem of constructions of the bride's dress are orange blossoms. But in the midst of the pale flowers there will shine one ruddy quince flower, the English emblem of constructions. Not many of the Mariborrough family jewels will travel over, but the groom has been lavish in gifts. One GOVEND HER AWAY.

daughter was the handsomest girl in the world and should make the most brilliant match of the century. But that the last of this should pass into history was never credited even by the admirers of the girl. The bridal tour of this youthful couple who are bicycling and sporting about under mamma's sedate wing, of course, will be as childish as their own part in the wedding preparations. When asked his opinion on certain things about the wedding, the Duke said: "I leave .. all to Mrs. Vanderbilt," and Miss Consuelo has invariably said to florist and caterer "Ask mammal."

And in their wedding tour they are carrying the irresponsive part still further. They are going away "for a good time." The Duke will take his bicycle and the bride hers. These are to be strapped in the luggage. It is one of the Luke's plants to pass a considerable time travelling before going back to Blenheim. And if he finds they can tour it in this country without attracting too much attention, it is their plan to see the Canon of Colorado, the Yellowstone and the sights of the Pacific Coast winter before returning to Europe. But this will depend upon the attention they attract. It is horrible to have crowds cotylect along the corridors upon one's wedding tour, and maybe the Mariborouchs.

lect along the corridors upon one's wed-ding tour; and maybe the Marlboroughs win have to give it up as Cornela Brad-ley Martin and her young Earl were obliged to abandon it.

DUKE S GENEROSITY.

The green eye of suspicion, touched with envy, is cast upon all visiting 'oreigners who take away the most gracious of American helresses. But in this case the eve must lack suspicion, even if it cannot rid itself of its jealous nue. For, by way of thoney matters, be it known that, before coming over here, the Duke settled an immense sum annually upon his future Duchess, and made over to her all the hereditary jewels, laces and souvenirs of Blenheim. If she were a poor girl her husband's settlement would make her a rich matron.

hw a rich matron.

None of her money has been settled upon the Duke and it is very doubtful if he will ever see the color of the Duch-If he will ever see the color of the Duchess's money except as to basks in the glow of the gowns and jewels which her \$50,000 a year will surely purchase.

The wedding is to be a very quiet one in the sense of lacking splurze. The service will be fully choral. But that is a religious rite; and, take it all in all, from courtship to altar, the affair is just about such a one as you and I would want if we were gratifying every wish and not doing anything for show.

CONSTANCE MERRIFIELD.

Effects of Cold on Continuous Rails. Effects of Cold on Continuous Rails.

During the recent cool weather Superintendent M. K. Bowen, of the South Side street railway lines, has learned some things about the "continuous rail" system which is being adopted extensively by his company. The predictions of some that the contraction incident to cold weather would play havoe with the rails has been verified in only a small measure, yet there has been chough breaking of the rails to make Mr. Bowen

with all this hard living and hard work. Lincoln was getting in this period a desultory kind of education. Not that he received much schooling, He went by littles; he says, "in all it did not amount to more than a year." But more or least of the school-room is a matter of small importance if a boy has learned to read and think of what he reads. And that this boy had learned. His stock of books was small, but he knew them thoroughly, and they were good books to know; the lible, Acsop's Fables, Robinson Crusoc, Banyan's Pilerim's Progress, a History of the United Statutes of Indiana. These are the chief ones we know about the did not own them all, but sometimes had to borrow them from the neighbors, as practice which resulted in at least one causality, for Weems' Life of Washington and the Statutes of Indiana. These are the chief ones we know about the did not own them all, but sometimes had to borrow them from the neighbors, a practice which resulted in at least one causality, for Weems' Life of Washington he allowed to get wet, and to make to hand the statute of the same his the course, and the could read it as he would for washe boy would hardly be expected to be of the contended later when the question of the read character of the first President was brought up that it was wiser to regard him as a godific character, heroic in nature and deeds, as Weems did in the contend that he was only a man who, if wise and good, still made mistaces and induiged in follies like character, heroic in nature and deeds, as Weems did through every book he had ever heard of in that country, for a circuit of fifty miles." From everything he read he made long extracts, using a turkey-buzzard pen and brief-root link. When he had no paper he would write on a board, and thus preserve his selections until he secured a copy-book. The wooden fire showed with a charred stick, shaving it of when covered. The logs and boards in his vicinity were always filled with his figures and quotations. By night he read

cipher with a charred stick, shaving it his vicinity were always filled with his figures and quotations. By night he read and worked as long as there was light, and he kept a book in the crack of the logs in his loft to have it at hand at peep of day. When acting as ferryman, in his nineteenth year, anxious, no loubt, to get through the books of the house where he hoarded, before he left the place, he read every might "till midnight," so says his room-mate.

In his habits of reading and study the boy had little circouragement from his

Is Cordial to Rivals. Mrs. James Campbell, wife of the nomi-

Mrs. James Campbell, wife of the nominee for the Governorship of Ohio, is said to be almost as able a politician as her husband. Her methods are illustrated by two incidents which show her to be a woman of remarkable finesse. During the Republican convention which nominated Major McKinley for the Governorship. Mrs. Campbell rode in her open carriage to the Neil House, where Major McKinley was stopping, and took the distinguished protectionist for a drive through the city. Cheer upon cheer arose as McKinley rode away, with Mrs. Campbell at his side, while the Governor sat facing him. "Major McKinley is one of our old friends. Why shouldn't we give him as little outing after being penned up all day in that hot, stuffy, convention hall?" said Mrs. Campbell, when asked what prompted her to take her husband's political rival on that memorable drive. And several days after Governor Foraker, in the lobby of the Neil House, denounced the Campbell administration as "the most damnable in the history of Ohio," Mrs. Campbell entertained Mirs. Foraker as a guest of honor at luncheon at the Executive Mansion.—Philadelphia Press.

The Queen of Italy, it is said, neve wears the same pair of stockings twice.



other's evening reception. This method cross of Shirt Waist, while those who

THE HOSTESS OF A "MIDNIGHT FIRESIDE" PARTY. (Sketched from life.)

is thought less stiff and embarrassing than the other of introducing at afternoons.

As demand creates quick supply, new entertainers have sprung up for the midnight evenings. People have grown a little tired of the skirt dancer who comes with dirty lace skirts and frowsy shoes to fisunt them in the faces of the parlorful of maids and matrons, and they are weary of the singer who wails of "Lost Love" and "White Dove" in an examples.

Cornelius Vanderbile 52 this month

him \$0,000 per year, and his lecture busers as quite as much. His miscellaneous sketches were pald for with their weight in dollar notes. Money and Mark began conspiculously with the same letter for many years.

When Mackay was asked the secret of his success in amassing wealth and in holding his position in public popularity at the same time he responded:

how to clap he hands red for the one "who is like a mother to me."

Each celebrity has a birthday celebration, and from Albert Edward, with his achits itygihntduscoistekmofstslofid etact princely gifts of gold and gems, to his young god-son over here with a gracious bride for a birthday.

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King."

JAMES BARTON.

CELEBRITIES WHO HAVE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS.

Superstition - The American Wedding Tour.

ding day for "the one thing new, gift from lover true," which is necessary for Another little fancy is the lining of the